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# **The Role of Verification and Validation in an Electronic Combat Installed System Test Facility**

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# Outline



- ISTF Definition and Purpose
- Verification and Validation (V&V)
- Description of the US Navy's ISTF
  - The Air Combat Environment Test and Evaluation Facility (ACETEF)
- ACETEF V&V Process Development
- Summary

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# What is an ISTF?

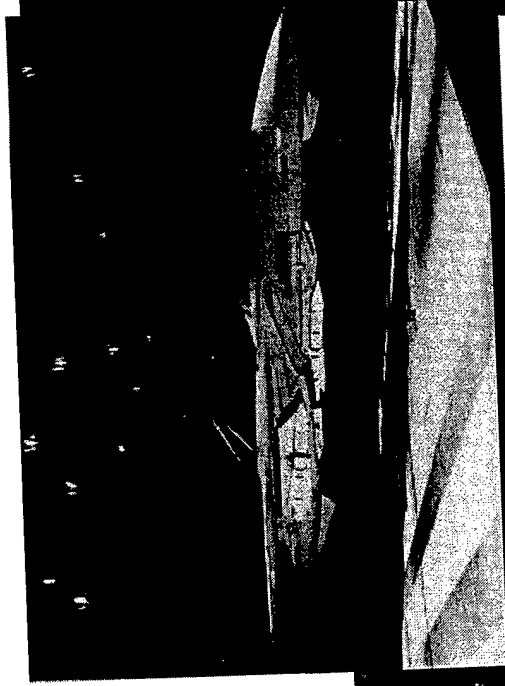


**Installed System Test Facility (ISTF)**- A facility where avionics installed and integrated in their host platform can be stimulated to determine performance.

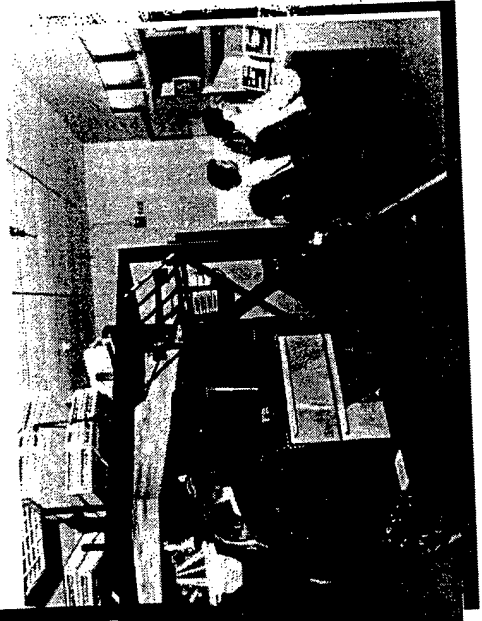
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# Requirement



## •DoD Directive 5000.2

- "...threat or threat representative forces, targets, and threat countermeasures, validated in coordination with DIA, shall be used"
- "Whenever models and simulations are to be used: identify the planned models and simulations; explain how they are proposed to be used; and provide the source and methodology of the verification, validation, and accreditation underlying their credible application for the proposed use."



# Definitions



**VERIFICATION** - The process of determining that a model implementation accurately represents the developers conceptual description and specifications.

DoDD 5000.59

## REQUIRES:

- State of the art test equipment for measurement of stimulator parameters
- Design specification validation report (DSVR) meetings attended by laboratory personnel
- Complete assessment of stimulator actual operation vs intended operation by laboratory personnel



# Definitions



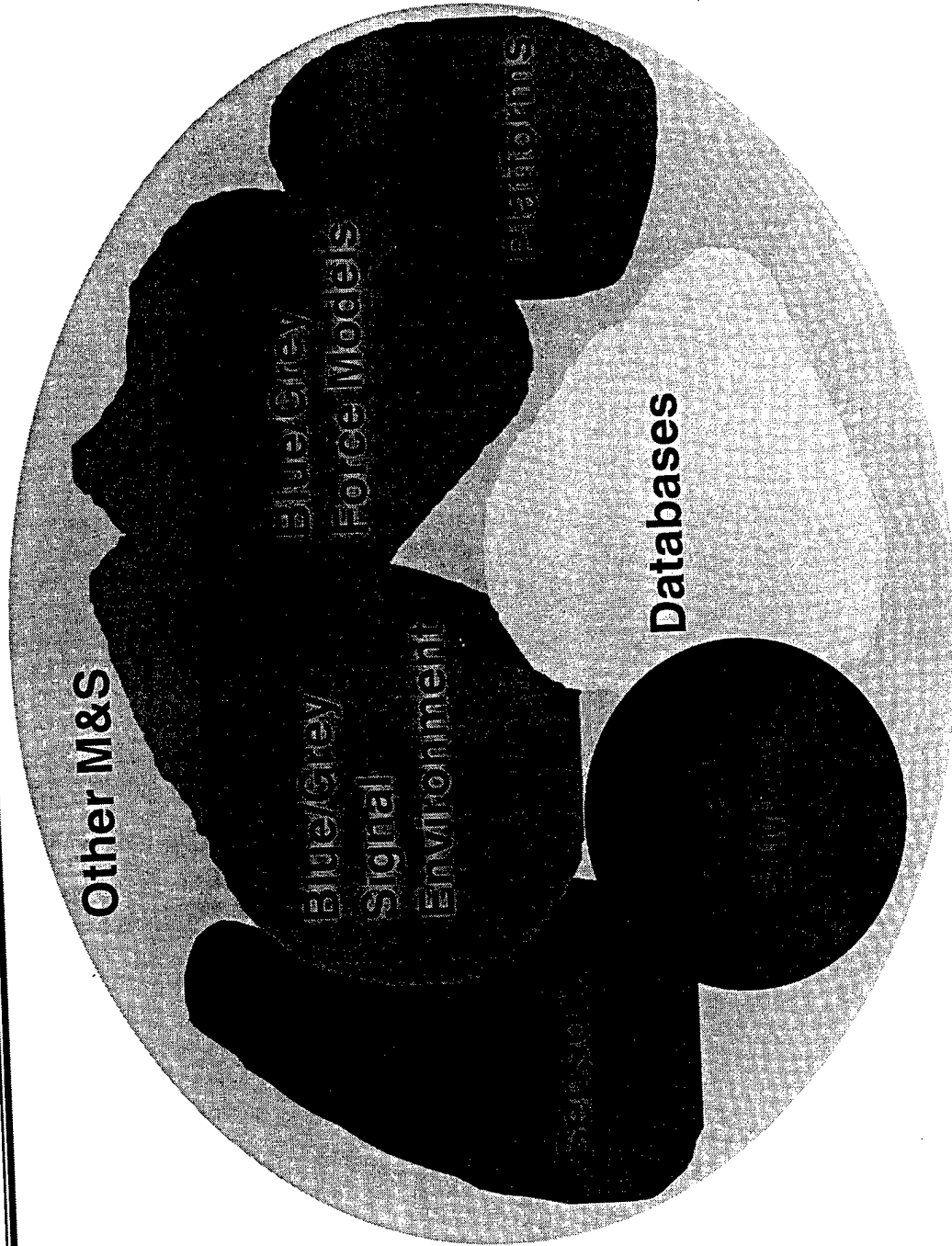
**VALIDATION** - The process of determining the degree to which a model is an accurate representation of the real world from the perspective of the intended uses of the model.

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- Threat SIMVAL is a well-defined, established process
- Validation for the universe of other models and simulations is not yet well-defined
- Defense Modeling and Simulation Office (DMSO) initiatives encompass the “gray” areas



# Modeling and Simulation Universe





# ISTF Validation



- Threat SIMVAL focuses on relatively static *things*: Threat Simulators
  - Once device and signal is validated, it remains so unless object being modeled changes
- Flexibility and complexity of ACETEF requires focus on *tests*
  - Scenarios, stimulator mix, test objectives all may change from test to test
  - Requires some validation activity for each test configuration



## WHAT IS SO HARD ABOUT V&V IN AN ISTF?!



- Multiple complex simulations of various types
- Physical placement of stimulator hardware
- Unforseen interactions between stimulators and the system under test

***AN AGGREGATION OF VALIDATED  
STIMULATORS IS NOT NECESSARILY VALID!***



# US Navy ISTF



## Air Combat Environment Test and Evaluation Facility

*Test installed avionics systems*

*Provide a realistic simulated environment*

*Provide ground test to complement flight test*

*Maximize platform test productivity*

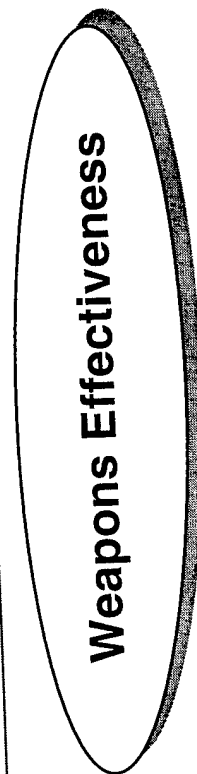
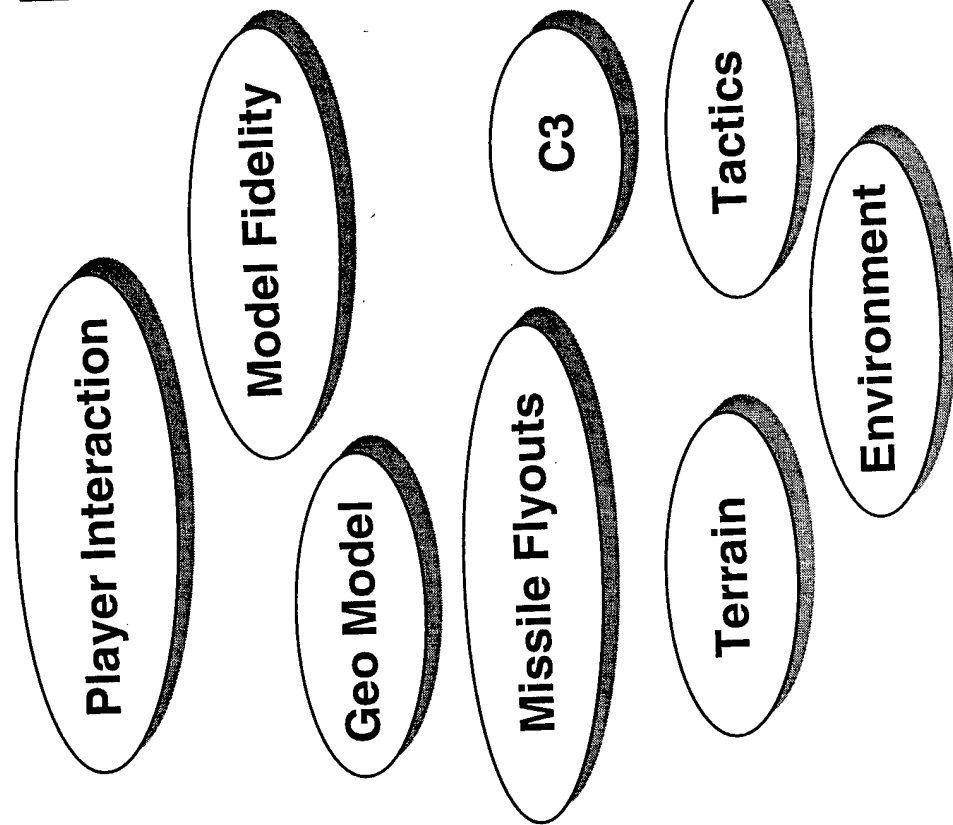
**Reduce program risk!**



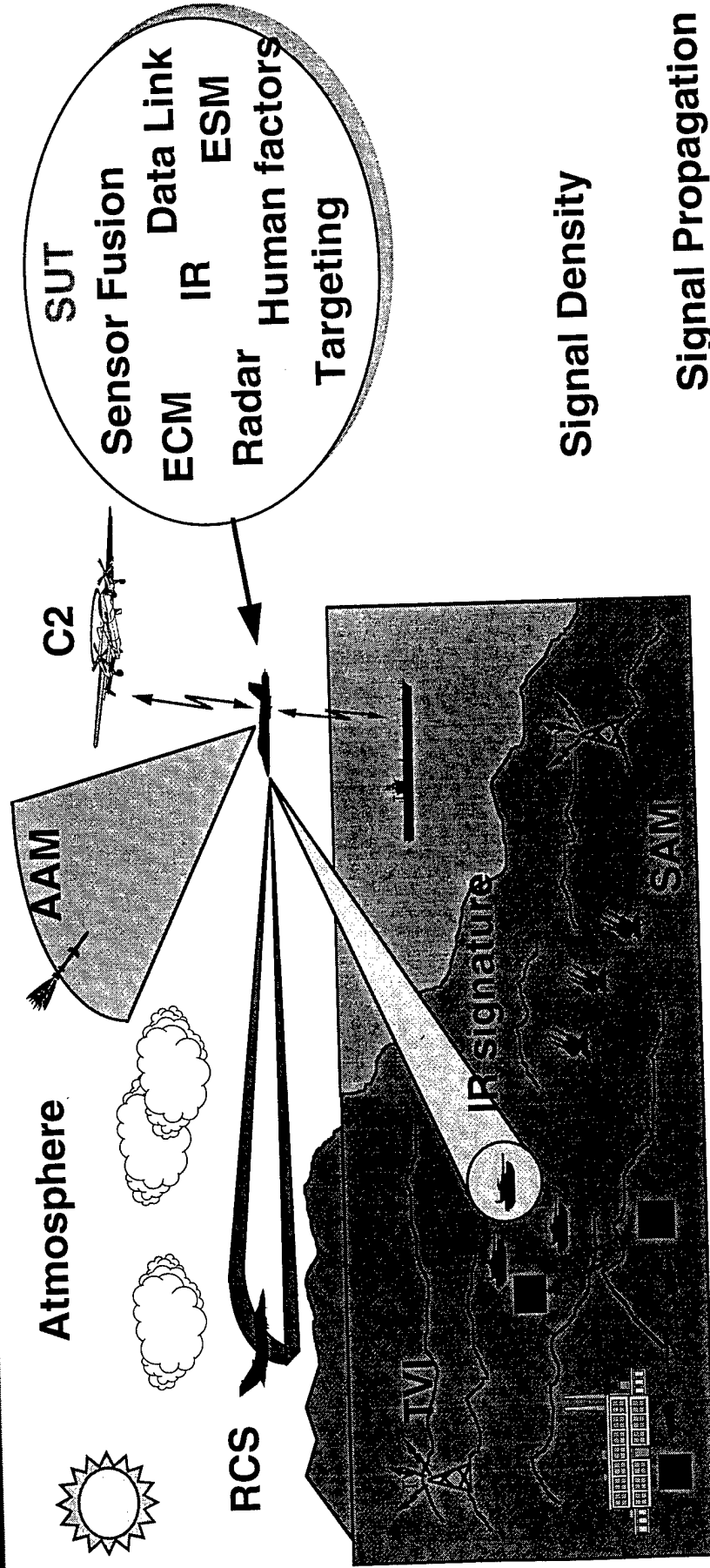
# ACETEF Digital Model



## Simulated Warfare Environment Generator (SWEAG)



# ACETEF Stimulations



Signal Density

Signal Propagation

Clutter

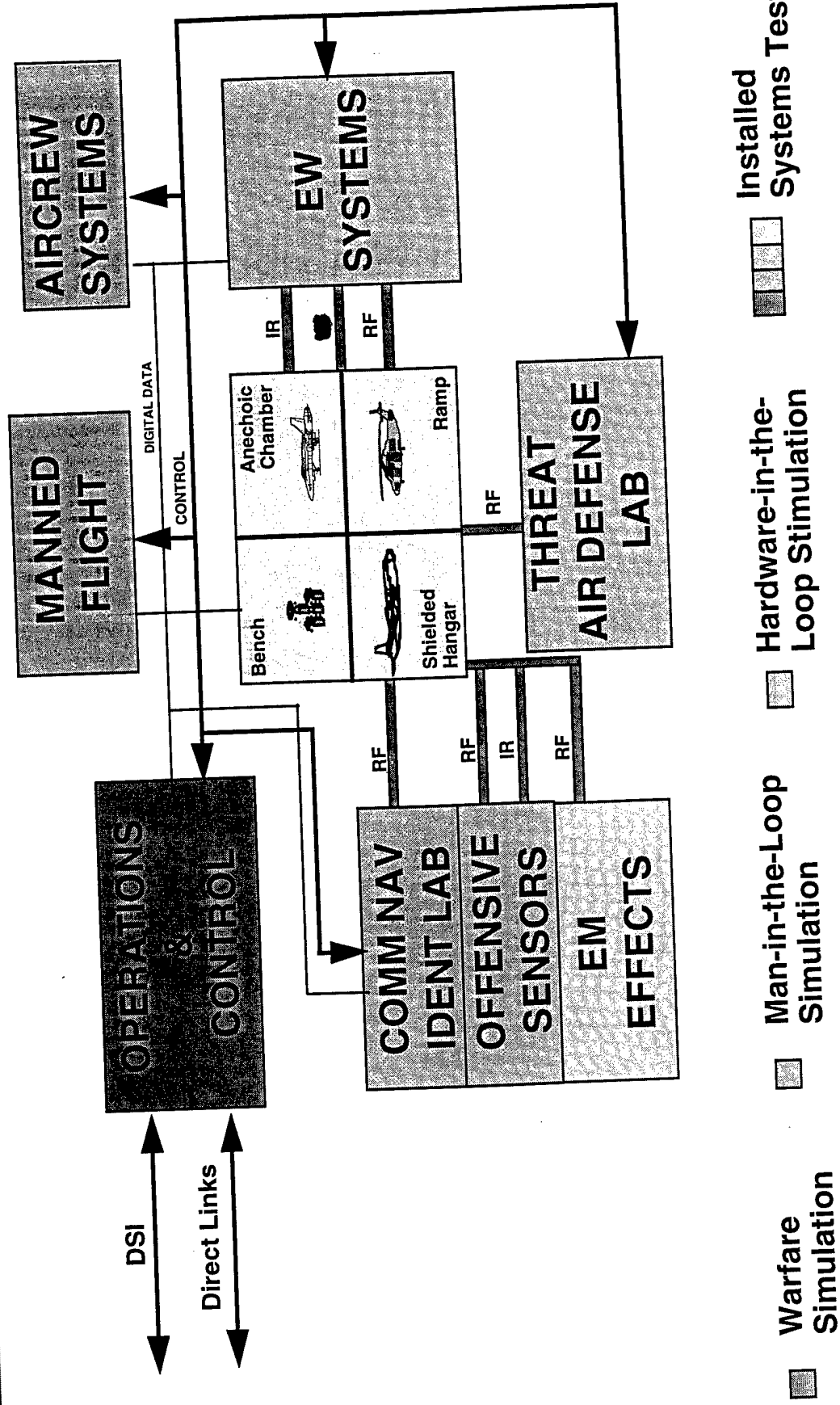
Stimulator Geometry

Antenna Patterns

Man-in-the-Loop

Electronic order of battle

# ACETEF ARCHITECTURE





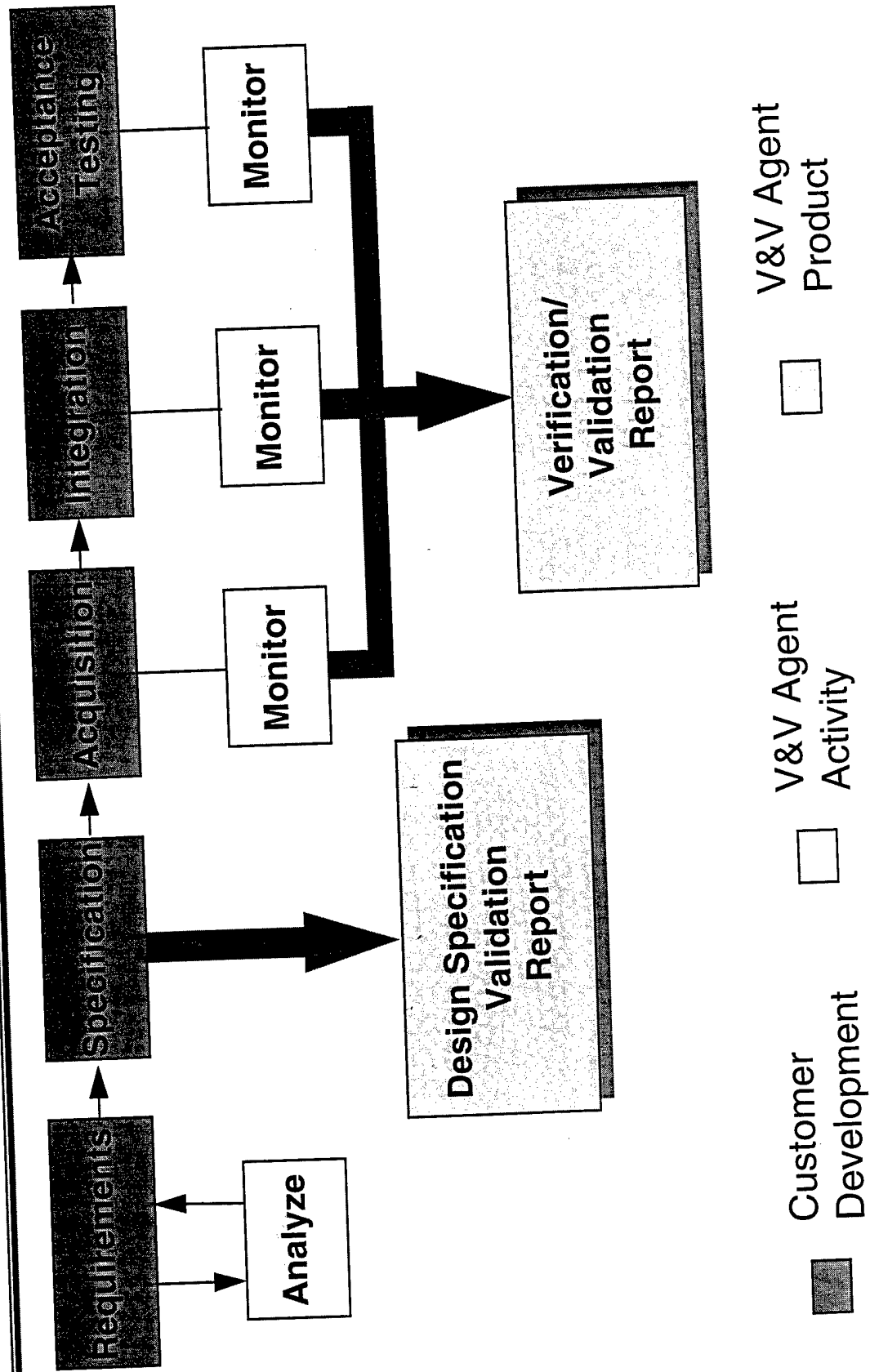
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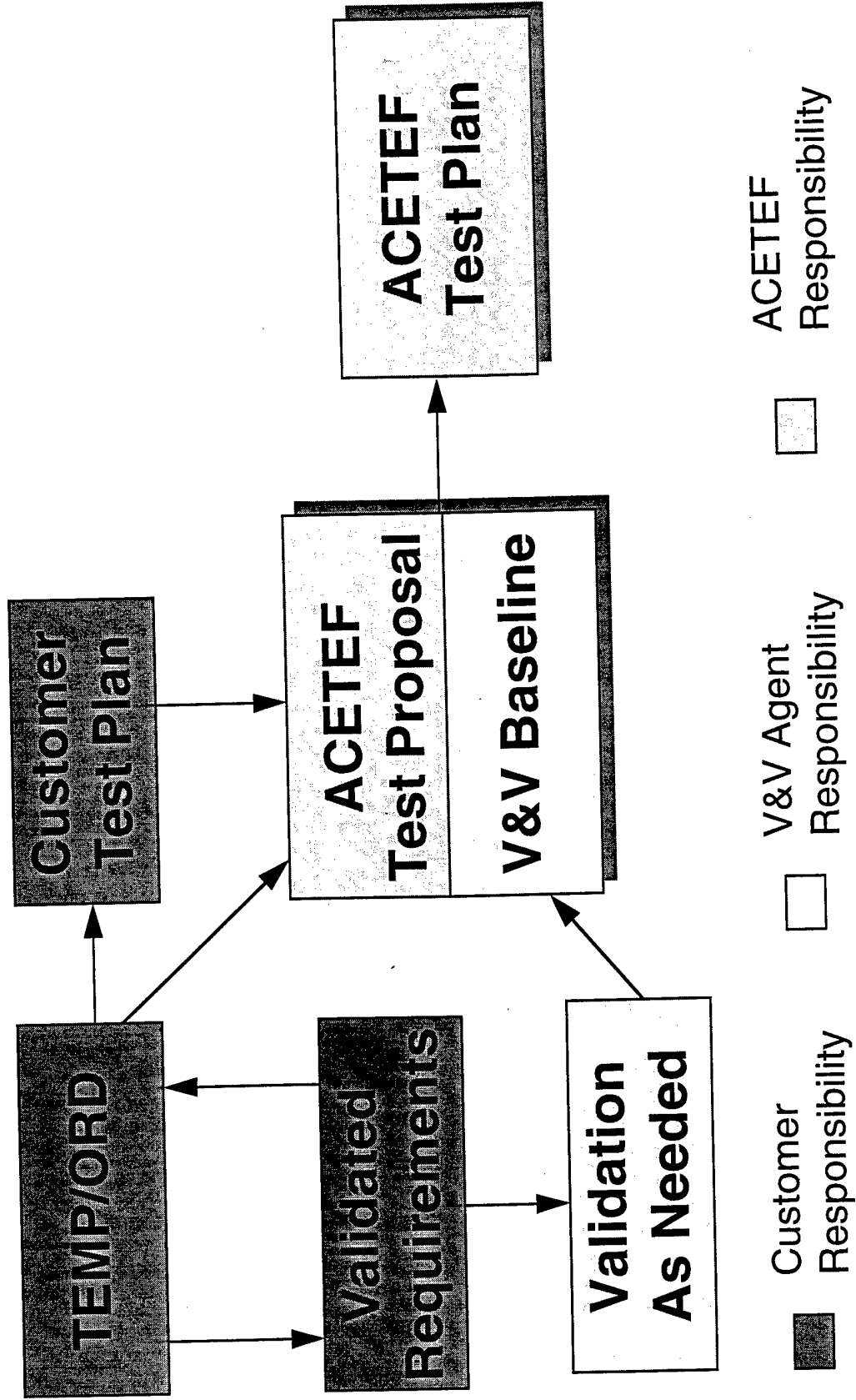
- Realistic system under test loading
- Realistic “test” C4I Architectures/ Loading
- Realistic/varied background
- “Coherent” Scenarios
- Integration of Missile Warning and Countermeasures
- IR and Semi-active Missile Seeker end game testing.
- Highly dynamic scenarios
- Numbers/types of targets
- Coordination of Surveillance Assets
- Training/Calibration of Knowledge Based Algorithms vs testing



# Development Process



# Test Planning Process





# Internal V&V Agent Role



- Perform internal verification and validation of tests
- Ensure repeatability (and document for reproducibility)
- Ensure quality control
- Produce validation reports in the format usable by accreditors
- Assist external validators in understanding and validating ACETEF systems
- Ensure that new ACETEF systems can be validated

# Conclusions

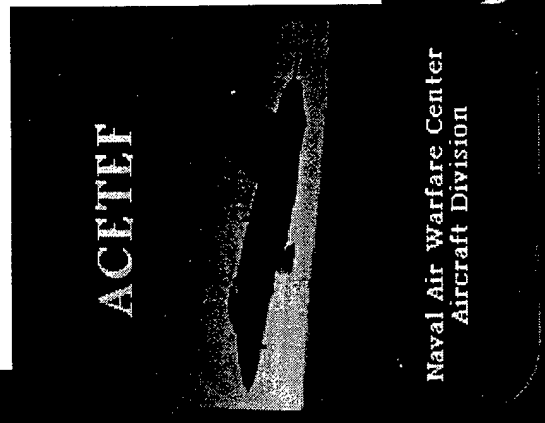


- Modeling and Simulation has a lot to *prove* to the test community
- COST EFFECTIVENESS has two dimensions
  - Can we reduce the cost of testing by supplanting flight tests with M&S tests?
  - Can we test scenarios that would otherwise be *unaffordable* to test?

A sound ISTF V&V process is critical to the establishment of M&S credibility

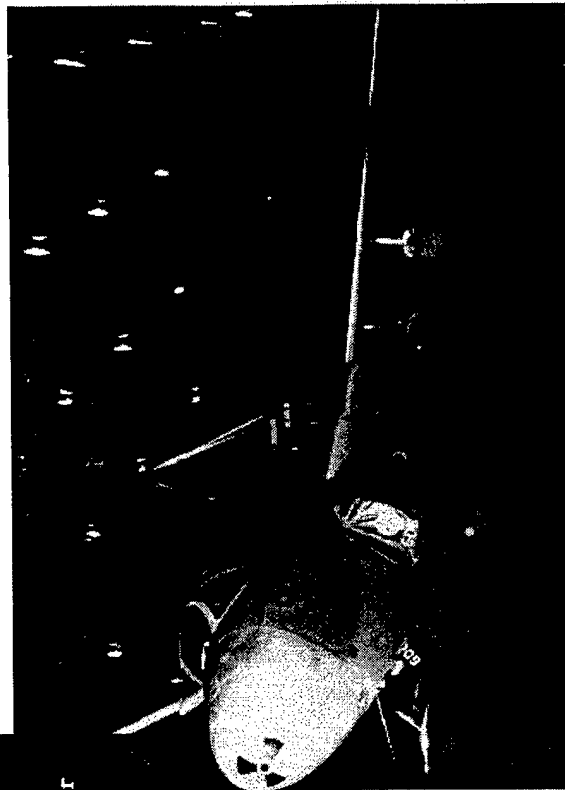


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